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## City to Offer Additional Support for Insurance Enrollment on December 14

City of Milwaukee Health Department and Milwaukee Public Library to join countywide effort to offer insurance enrollment assistance

MILWAUKEE – On Saturday, Dec. 14, the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) and Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) will continue a joint effort to offer insurance enrollment assistance to area residents by offering computer enrollment help from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Central Library Computer Room (814 W. Wisconsin Ave.). The additional hours have been added in advance of the Dec. 23 enrollment deadline for insurance coverage to begin Jan. 1, 2014.

"The City of Milwaukee Health Department Community Healthcare Access Program has been a resource in the community for health coverage and other assistance for years," said Mayor Tom Barrett. "As individuals continue to explore new options available to them under the Affordable Care Act, we are happy to offer those who can't access weekday assistance a point of contact on a weekend date."

The MHD Community Healthcare Access Program (CHAP) provides assistance with insurance enrollment, as well as support enrolling in a variety of programs including FoodShare, child care assistance and energy assistance.

"The City of Milwaukee Health Department is just one of the many locations citywide that is able to assist individuals in finding the health care coverage they need," said Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker. "Our trained staff are available daily at our health center locations, as well as weekly throughout the community thanks to great partnerships, including our collaboration with Milwaukee Public Library."

Since the launch of the Health Insurance Marketplace, the MHD and MPL have offered computer enrollment assistance each Wednesday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at Central Library, support that will continue until the March 31 enrollment deadline.

Individuals with questions regarding the Health Insurance Marketplace or assistance with enrollment are encouraged to visit <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov">www.healthcare.gov</a> or call (800) 318-2596.

For a listing of upcoming enrollment assistance events and educational sessions, visit the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services at <a href="https://www.county.milwaukee.gov">www.county.milwaukee.gov</a>.

For more information on CHAP, visit www.milwaukee.gov/health.

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